

Appln No. 10/760,182  
Amdt. Dated May 30, 2006  
Response to Office Action of April 28, 2006

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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of April 28, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

#### *Regarding Amendment*

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to consistently recite at least "two" printhead integrated circuits and to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 10 that each fluid distribution member incorporates a laminated stack of layers with each layer having successively smaller diameter apertures for distributing the printing fluid from the support member to the associated printhead integrated circuit;

dependent claim 7 is identified with the claim identifier "Previously Presented" to indicate the amendment thereto made in the Applicant's Reply to the previous Office Action;

dependent claim 10 is amended to conform with amended claim 1; and

dependent claims 2-8 and 11 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application as the subject matter added to claim 1 is currently recited in claim 10.

#### *Regarding Claim Objection*

It is respectfully submitted that the above-discussed amendment of independent claim 1 to consistently recite at least "two" printhead integrated circuits, provides the correction required by the Examiner.

#### *Regarding 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections*

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the anticipation and obviousness rejections of claims 1-8 over Silverbrook et al., Lu and Silverbrook, based on the above-discussed amendment of independent claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 10 which the Examiner indicates is allowable over these references in the Allowable Subject Matter section of the Office Action.

#### *Regarding Response to Amendment*

It is respectfully submitted that the above-discussed amendment to label claim 7 as "Previously Presented", provides the correction required by the Examiner.

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

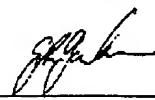
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